

**Study: Malaysians Prefer To Work For Firms That Allow Technological Freedom**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- The VMware New Way of Life 2013 study showed that 66 per cent of Malaysians prefer to work for firms that allow technological freedom.

The study, commissioned by VMware Inc, was conducted by Acorn Research in 12 Asia-Pacific countries/regions. Of the 2,100 respondents surveyed, 150 were from Malaysia.

It highlights the work-style and lifestyle habits of an increasingly mobile workforce in the post-personal computer era.

Country manager, VMware Malaysia, Laurence Si, said according to the survey, seven in ten respondents in Malaysia valued technological mobility and 85 per cent brought their personal computing devices to work.

"However, 74 per cent say their information technology (IT) departments do not provide them with relevant support to use these devices effectively in the workplaces," he told a media briefing here Thursday.

Si said according to the study, Malaysia employees who were empowered to use the technology of their choice at work said they were faster to respond to change (76 per cent), more productive even when outside of the office (75 per cent) and more efficient (71 per cent).

He said consequently, 64 per cent expected corporate IT to provide fast network access anytime, anywhere; and nearly half of respondents (48 per cent) said they desired guidance on how to integrate their personal computing devices into the corporate IT environment.

"However, 92 per cent of the respondents were restricted from connecting their personal portable devices to their corporate network," he said.

Si said this in turn led end-users to find their own workarounds (68 per cent), or turn to Google for answers (64 per cent) on how to use their personal devices into corporate IT infrastructures.

"I speak to chief information officers and IT decision makers daily who say managing the challenges that arise from the influx of personal computing devices into the workplace can no longer be neglected.

"VMware is delivering cloud solutions that can empower organisations and IT to meet end-user demands in this new way of life," he said.

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